

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 184

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Dr. Warren Nichols for meritorious service to the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Tennessee is built upon the solid foundation of volunteerism, and this General Assembly takes pride in honoring those esteemed individuals who have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Warren Nichols, President of Volunteer State Community College, is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Dr. Nichols faithfully guided the Volunteer State Community college (VSCC) community in restoring the college after a tornado ripped through the heart of its campus on April 7; 2006; and

WHEREAS, even before the tornado struck, Dr. Nichols led the campus in successful disaster preparation to ensure the highest possible level of safety in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, his advanced preparation, coupled with his decisive and gallant leadership immediately following the tornado, prevented further injuries or loss of life; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Warren Nichols led the effort to restore and rebuild the damaged pieces of VSCC's campus, working assiduously to keep the event from impeding the education of the students; and

WHEREAS, because of his strong leadership and ambitious agenda, the students of VSCC only missed four days of class, and graduation occurred on time; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nichols advocated for the needs of the campus throughout the entirety of the rebuilding effort, which resulted in the construction of facilities that far surpass the condition of the former structures; and

WHEREAS, when a tornado later hit the Castilian Springs area, Dr. Nichols extended his compassionate outreach to those who were suffering through trials the people of VSCC had so recently faced; and

WHEREAS, in honor of Dr. Warren Nichols's astute leadership, VSCC will celebrate "Pioneer Spirit" on April 7, 2009, by hosting an open house to display the finished product of the restoration efforts; and

WHEREAS, at the open house, Dr. Warren Nichols will be presented with a plaque honoring his outstanding leadership; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nichols is an exemplary leader who, in the face of an emergency, applied sound judgment and led the administration, faculty, and students of VSCC through a devastating natural disaster, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Dr. Warren Nichols for his stalwart dedication to the people of Volunteer State Community College, and for his continuing example of peerless public service to the citizens of the Volunteer State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.